



# Family Resource Centers & Literacy Support Corps



## Family Resource Centers A program of WORD

*Literacy is more than reading. It includes speaking, listening, interacting, and understanding. Literacy is the process of making sense of the world around you.*

# What is a Family Resource Center?

- Family Resource Centers provide a successful link between families, schools, and communities.
- They create an environment where strong partnerships between families and schools flourish.



Family Resource Centers support learning through...

-Activities that bring families and schools together in support of children.





Family Resource Centers support learning through...



-Activities that encourage community partnerships with schools for education.

# Family Resource Centers support learning through...

- Activities for parents and children that strengthen family literacy and learning.



# Family Resource Centers support learning through...



-Activities that  
create open  
discussion  
between adults.

# AmeriCorps Overview



- Extensive trainings
  - Leadership opportunities
  - Team-based approach
  - Member diversity
- “Getting Things Done”



# AmeriCorps in the Community



Literacy Support  
Corps members  
contribute to the  
community

...Individual  
opportunities

...Group  
opportunities

What did AmeriCorps members accomplish last year?

For Families:

- ...made connections with 3,286 adults.
- ...facilitated 357 whole-family activities.
- ...made 793 referrals to resources in the community for needs such as food, housing, childcare, healthcare, and education.



What did AmeriCorps members accomplish last year?

For Schools and Communities:

...recruited over 600 volunteers who donated 3,860 hours of work in support of families and education.

...attained donations totaling \$25,580.

...built 180 new community partnerships.



## Program Impacts 2008–2009

- 92% of parents and/or guardians responding to our annual survey report increased ability to support student achievement.
- 100% of volunteers responding to our survey report increased value in people engaging with their communities.
- 100% of members completing training report increased ability to apply leadership skills in community-building, literacy, and civic engagement.



## AmeriCorps members in Family Resource Centers...

- Develop strong school-family partnerships.
- Build leadership among people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Promote healthy, nurturing home environments that support children's educational success.



Never doubt that a small group of committed people  
can change the world. Indeed, it is the only  
thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead